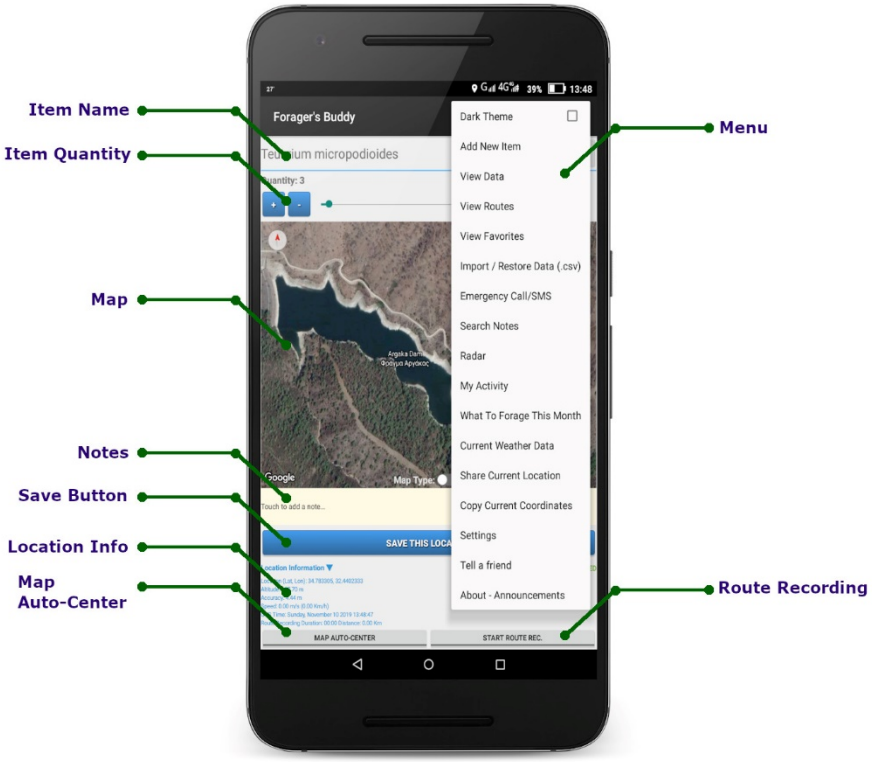
Quick Reference Guide



Main Screen

Forager's Buddy is an application for android smart phones and tablets, designed to help users mark on the map all remarkable places, where they can find various kinds of wild food resources (Using the GPS module of the device).

You can use this application in various outdoor activities like: wild herbs / mushroom gathering, hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, etc.

Donations:

If you like my work, you can buy me a coffee and share your thoughts. Keep Forager's Buddy strong!

- Buy Me a Coffee:

https://buymeacoffee.com/foragersbuddy

- PayPal Donation:

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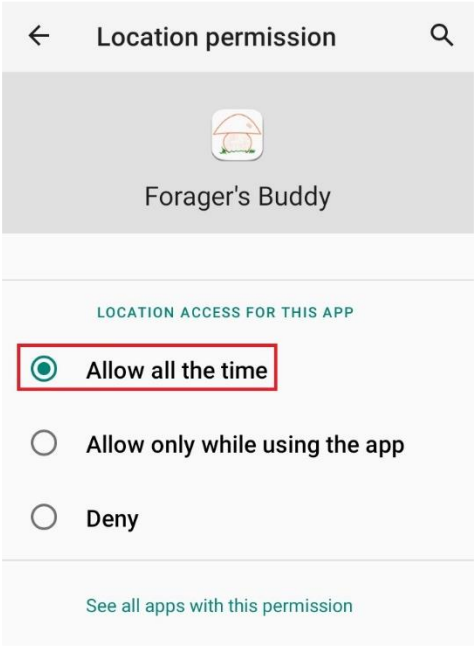
#	Action	Description	How To
1	Add New Item	Add New Items (e.g mushrooms, asparagus, etc).	Main Screen -> Menu -> Add New Item
2	Save a Spot (Current Location)	Save current location.	From Main Screen: **Step 1:** Select an Item **Step 2:** Set Quantity of the item found **Step 3:** Write a note (optional) **Step 4:** Press "Save this location" Button to save the spot
3	Save a Spot (Custom Location)	Save a custom spot.	From Main Screen: **Step 1:** Disable Map Auto-Center **Step 2:** Long press on the desired location on the map **Step 3:** Press 'Yes' to save the spot **Step 4:** Edit the details (Item Name, Quantity, Notes)
4	View Saved Locations	List of the saved spots. Long press on a spot to delete it.	Main Screen -> Menu -> View Data
5	View Spot Details	View the details of a spot. You can also add it to favorites, attach a photo, or select more options from the menu: weather, nearby items, share, set a reminder, edit, delete.	Main Screen -> Menu -> View Data -> Press on a saved spot
6	Export Data (Backup)	Export All or selected data (of a specific item) to 3 formats: .csv, .kml or .gpx. You can find the exported files, in user's home directory, under the "Foragers_Buddy/Exports/" directory.	Main Screen -> Menu -> View Data -> Export (CSV, KML or GPX) or Main Screen -> Menu -> View Data -> Menu -> Export All (CSV, KML or GPX)

7	Import Data (Restore)	Import data from a .CSV file (that exported previously by the App). Long Press to send the file. The file must be in user's home directory, under the "Foragers_Buddy/Exports/" directory.	Main Screen -> Menu -> Import Data (.csv)
8	Map Auto-Center	Auto Center Map (every 3 sec.) at current location.	From Main Screen: Set "Map Auto-Center" toggle button ON/OFF
9	Route Recording	Record and save a route or a trail.	From Main Screen: Set "Start Route Rec." toggle button ON/OFF
10	View Recorded Routes	View recorded routes on the map. You can view nearby items, or long press on a route for route management (rename, delete, convert, send)	Main Screen -> Menu -> View Routes
11	View Favorites	View favorite spots.	Main Screen -> Menu -> View Favorites
12	Emergency Call/SMS	Sends a SMS with user's last known location and battery status of the device.	Main Screen -> Menu -> Emergency Call/SMS
13	Search Notes	Search spot notes using keywords.	Main Screen -> Menu -> Search Notes
14	Radar	Show nearby saved spots, as you move. You can adjust the range.	Main Screen -> Menu -> Radar
15	Activity	A graphical representation (line chart) of the number of items collected each month.	Main Screen -> Menu -> My Activity
16	Current Weather Data	Show weather data of your current position.	Main Screen -> Menu -> Current Weather Data
17	Share Current Location	Share Current Location via e-mail, sms, messenger, etc.	Main Screen -> Menu -> Share Current Location
18	Switch between Imperial and Metric System	Switch between Imperial and metric System	Main Screen -> Menu -> Settings
19	What To Forage This Month	To easily find what to forage in the current month (based on your previous findings)	Main Screen -> Menu -> What To Forage This Month
20	Copy Current Coordinates	Copy current coordinates to clipboard	Main Screen -> Menu -> Copy Current Coordinates

21	Copy Coordinates	Copy coordinates of an item to clipboard	Main Screen -> Menu -> View Data -> Press on a saved spot -> Copy Coordinates
22	Export Data (Single Item)	Export a simple item to .csv, .gpx or .kml format. You can find the exported files, in user's home directory, under the "Foragers_Buddy/Exports/" directory.	Main Screen -> Menu -> View Data -> Press on a saved spot -> Export This Location [...]
23	Switch between Dark and Light Theme	Switch between Dark and Light Theme	Main Screen -> Menu -> Dark Theme Main Screen -> Menu -> Settings
24	Open File Manager	Open an external file manager to explore and manage the files exported by Forager's Buddy	Main Screen -> Menu -> Open File Manager or Main Screen -> View Data -> Menu -> Open File Manager or Main Screen -> View Routes -> Menu -> Open File Manager or Main Screen -> Import / Restore Data (.csv) Screen -> Menu -> Open File Manager

Tips

1. **Important:** Android 10+ has new location permissions settings. For the Forager's Buddy route recording to function properly you must select the "Allow all the time" option (from App info -> App permissions -> Location).



2. **Backup/Restore Data (Offline):**

   To backup:

   Step 1: Export your data as .csv
   Step 2: Backup the [Home]/Foragers_Buddy/ directory (*)

   To restore your data, follow the opposite process:

   Step 1: restore the [Home]/Foragers_Buddy/ directory (*)
   Step 2: Import the .csv file with your data.

   * On newer Android versions you can find [Home] directory in:
   /storage/emulated/0/Android/data/com.gh_its.foragersbuddy/files/Foragers_Buddy/

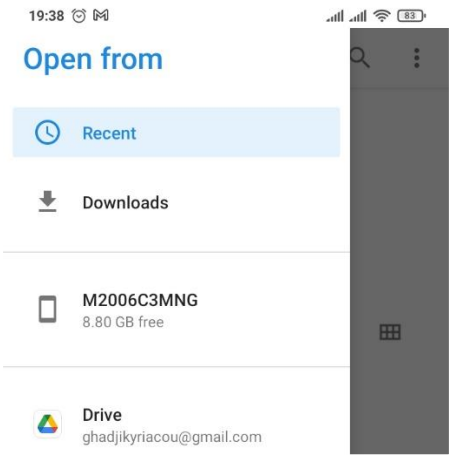
3. **Backup/Restore Data (Google Drive):**

   To backup:

   Step 1: From "View Data" screen, export your data as .csv
   Step 2: From "Import / Restore Data (.csv)" screen, **long press** on the .csv file you want to backup
   Step 3: Press "Yes" and select "Save to Drive"
   Step 4: Select the Google Drive folder you want to save the file

   To restore your data:

Step 1: Using the Google Drive App, download the .csv file you want to restore
Step 2: From "Import / Restore Data (.csv)" **menu** -> Restore (choose .csv file) select the downloaded .csv file. You can also skip the first step and import the file directly from Google Drive:

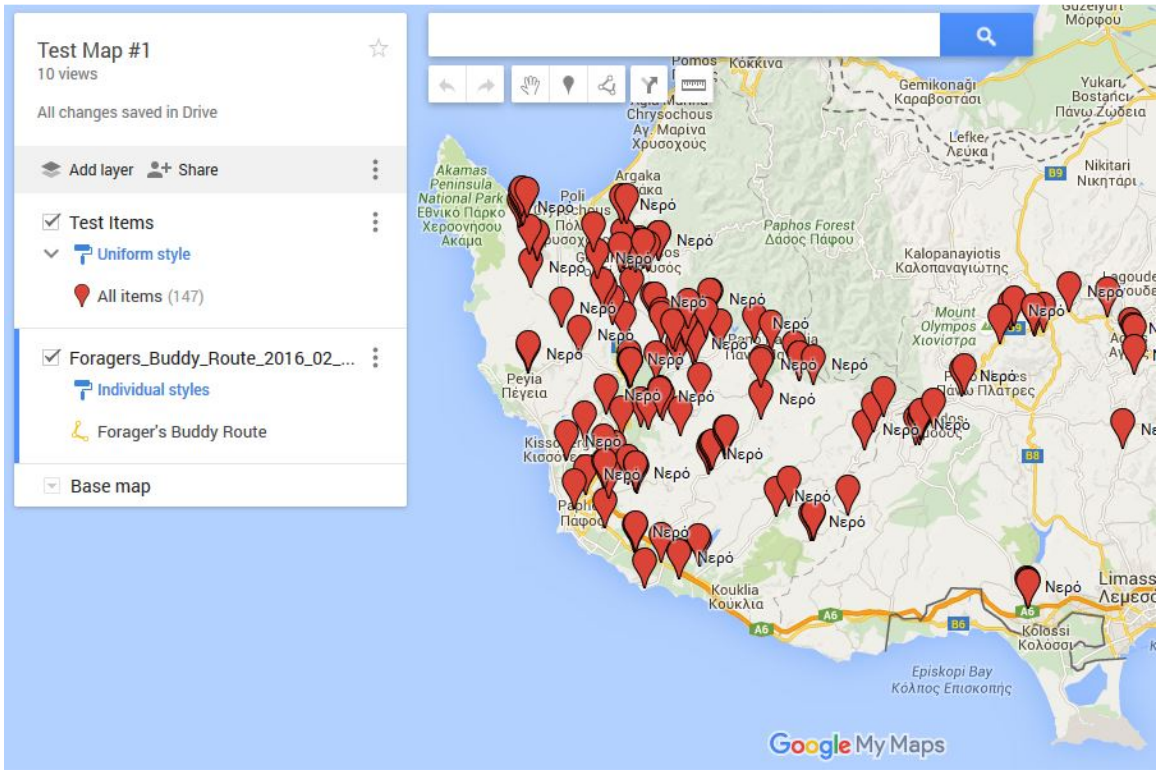


4. CSV edit

If you want to edit a .csv file, use a text editor (like notepad++). Just be careful, because the text in the fields: **Item**, **Notes**, **URL** and **Favorites** must be enclosed in double quotation marks ("like this").

5. Forager's Buddy and Google My Map

Forager's Buddy PRO users can export their data to KML format, and use services like Google My Maps to create custom embeddable maps (with spots and routes), for websites or blogs.

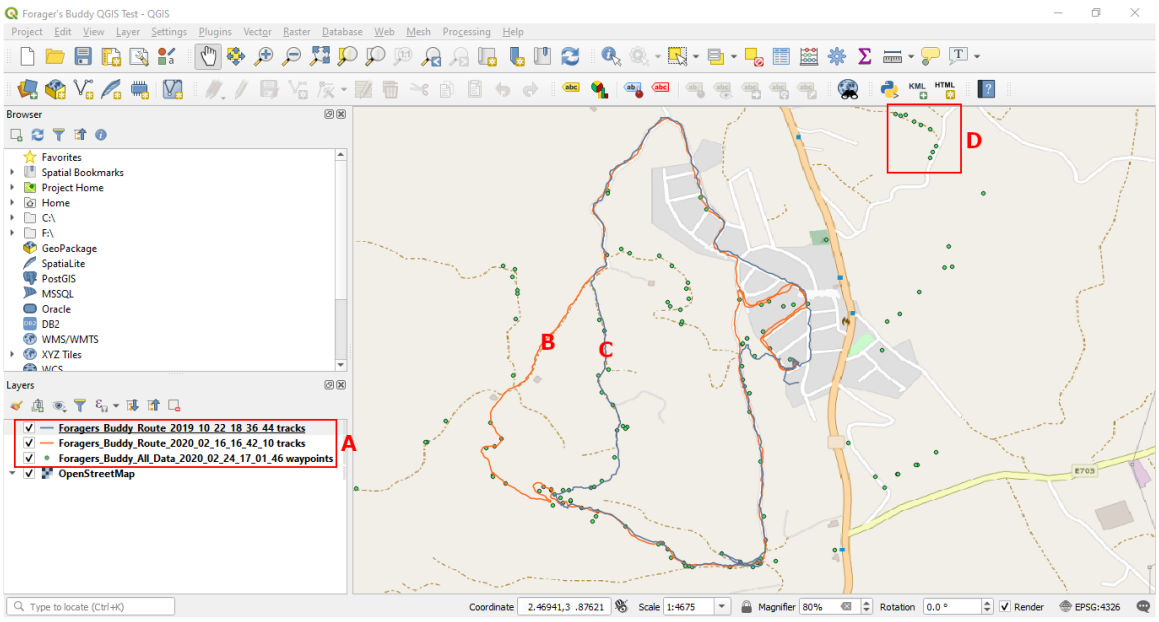


6. Forager's Buddy and GIS (Geographic Information Systems)

Forager's Buddy PRO users can export their data (waypoints and routes) to .CSV, .GPX and .KML format, and use GIS Software like QGIS for further geographic analysis.

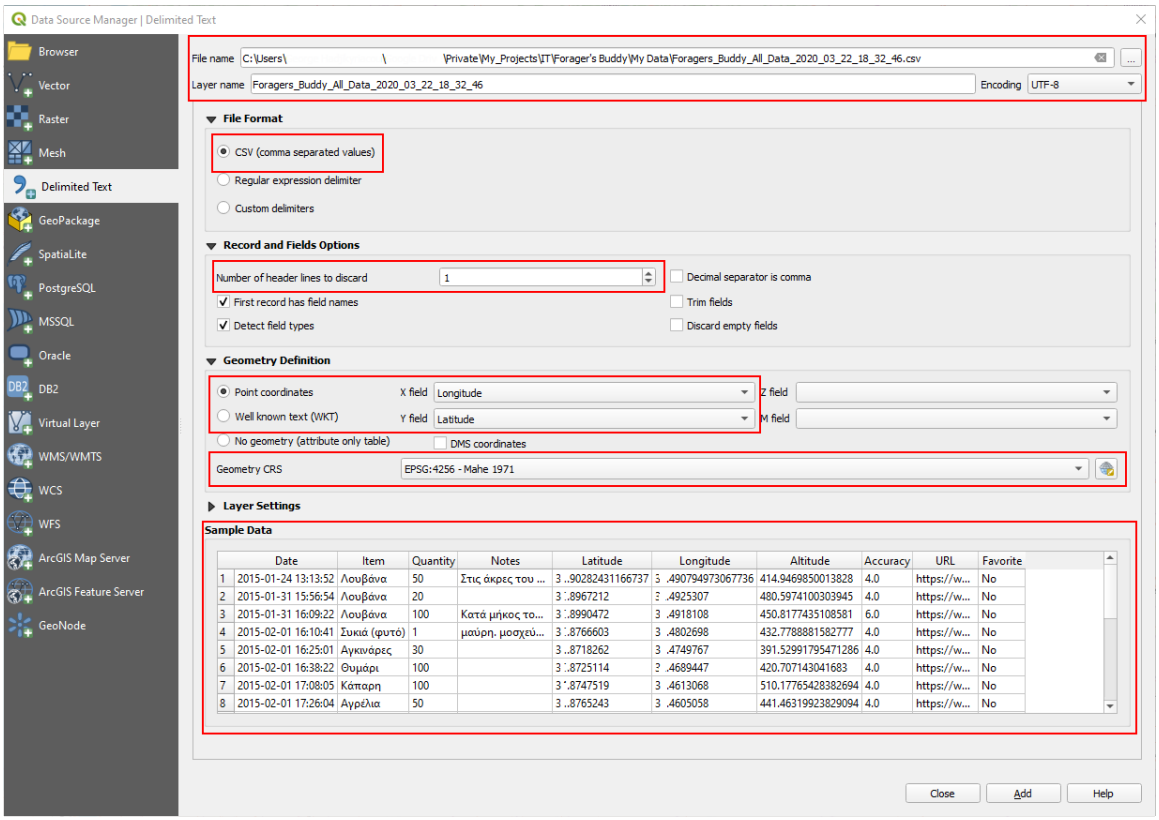
Example:

A - Import .GPX or .KML files as separate layers
B - Route no. 1
C - Route no. 2
D – Waypoints



Import .CSV file

Layer -> Add Layer -> Add Delimited Text Layer...



Privacy Policy

WE DO NOT WANT YOUR DATA

- The only statistics tracked for Forager's Buddy are the downloads/visits/usage/crashes on Google Analytics and the Google Play Developer Console site.
- As soon you install Forager's Buddy it runs locally without sending user collected data anywhere. There is no server to connect to, and no logging from Forager's Buddy side of anything you do within the app, and there never will be.

App Permissions:

1. Contacts/Phone - For the feature "Emergency Call/SMS". Users can select a contact to call or to send a SMS in case of an emergency situation (it sends also user's last known location and battery status of the device)
2. Location - For obvious reasons :)
3. Storage - To store exported files like: spots (.kml, .csv), routes (.kml) and photos

Links:

- Download Standard Edition (Free):
  https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.gh_its.foragersbuddy

- Buy Pro Key:
  https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gh_its.com.foragersbuddyprokey

- Request Promo Codes:
  Are you a blogger, journalist or an outdoor activity event organizer? Contact Developer & Request Google Play promo codes, for free upgrade to Forager's Buddy PRO version! - http://goo.gl/forms/JbAX3JzdHW

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